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(a) The Mayor of Baltimore City shall appoint an oversight committee for the Program.

(b) The oversight committee shall consist of:

(1) Two representatives from academia who specialize in public health issues;

(2) One representative from law enforcement, nominated by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

(3) One representative of the Baltimore City Police Department;

(4) Two representatives from the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Services, or the Department of Education, nominated by the Secretary of Health;

(5) One representative of a Baltimore City community group;

(6) One representative of an AIDS advocacy group;

(7) One drug abuse treatment counselor;

(8) One recovering injecting drug user; and

(9) Up to three other individuals whom the Mayor of Baltimore City determines to be appropriate for appointment to the oversight committee.

(c) The oversight committee shall:

(1) Provide advice to the Commissioner of Health and the Program Director on developing:

(i) Program operating procedures for the furnishing and exchange of hypodermic needles and syringes to injecting drug users;

(ii) A plan for community outreach and education;

(iii) A protocol for providing a linkage for Program participants to substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation; and

(iv) A plan for evaluating the Program; and

(2) Provide ongoing oversight of the Program and make recommendations to the Program Director or the Commissioner of Health regarding any aspect of Program procedures, operation, or evaluation.

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